

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**FORMAL SESSION
January 2, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona, convened in Formal Session at 10:00 a.m., January 2, 2002, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 West Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Jan Brewer, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Don Stapley, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain)

INVOCATION

Mrs. Cleone Porter, Supervisor Stapley's mother-in-law, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Elaine Stapley, Supervisor Stapley's mother, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIALS ATTENDING THIS MEETING

Chairman Brewer introduced several dignitaries in the audience, asking them to stand as they were acknowledged. These included Secretary of State Betsey Bayless, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Mayor Keno Hawker of Mesa, Presiding Judge Colin Campbell, Senator Jay Blanchard, Former Senators Lucky Chesley and Jon Kaite, Senator Peterson and Michael Jeanes, Clerk of the Superior Court.

Having summarized the accomplishments realized in Maricopa during the past year at the December 19, 2001, meeting, Chairman Brewer spoke only briefly, saying that the last year has been a wonderful year for the Board and for Maricopa County and she was confident that Supervisor Stapley would continue to lead the County in a positive direction in 2002. She again thanked those key administrative leaders in the County who have been of significant assistance to her during her year as chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2002 AND PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Motion was made by Supervisor Kunasek and seconded by Supervisor Brock to nominate Supervisor Don Stapley as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2002. Supervisor Stapley was elected Chairman by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Wilcox commented that if she could she would "third" the nomination because she felt Supervisor Stapley would do a magnificent job, especially since he has established such a good working relationship with the other counties and she looked forward to having him as chairman. She said she had enjoyed working with Chairman Brewer in their combined efforts to improve the west valley and on the much needed Gateway Campus project.

Supervisor Kunasek stated that he considered it an honor to nominate his friend, Don Stapley, as he has known him for many years and knew that, "At the same time Don is representing the people of the East Valley and Mesa, he has also demonstrated extraordinary ability to represent the region as a whole and is one of the few who could truly consider long-term policy matters from both a regional and a local perspective." He then thanked Supervisor Brewer for the direction she had given the Board members and the "fantastic job she did as chairman in 2001."

Supervisor Brock expressed his excitement with the County's leadership for the year 2002 saying he feels that Maricopa County is a very dynamic place and it requires dynamic people with vision to lead it. He

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said he felt that Supervisor Stapley brings exceptional leadership to the Board, as he is very familiar not only with county government but also with the various town and city officials and governing boards. He also commented on the experience that Supervisor Brewer had brought to the county in her role as Chairman and complimented her on her people skills and work with the senior management teams in Maricopa County.

2002 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Chairman Stapley said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for electing me as Chairman. This is a great honor, one that I will not take lightly. I would be remiss if I did not also thank my family. Without their love and support I would not be here today. I'd like to especially recognize my parents, Tom and Elaine Stapley; my in-laws, Richard and Cleone Porter; and my most important significant other, my wife, Cathy, of her I am indeed proud. She is not a real public person but is getting to become one more and more and I appreciate her support and love. My brother, Gary is also here with us. Thank you all for always being there for me.

I would like to take just a moment to recognize the other members of the Board of Supervisors: Jan Brewer, Fulton Brock, Andy Kunasek and Mary Rose Wilcox. Supervisor Brewer, as we all know is the outgoing Chairman. I wanted to take this time to thank her for all of her hard work over the past year and to commend her on the leadership she showed through a variety of very difficult issues. Thank you, Jan.

I would also like to recognize Fulton Brock and the enormous efforts he has put forth in trying to create something this entire county can be proud of in the San Tan Park. My goals for San Tan Park are the same as yours, Fulton, and we hope everybody else in the county will see the importance of opening this asset to the public after all these years, and working together to preserve this important park. Supervisor Brock, your tenacity on this project is commendable.

Supervisor Kunasek has been instrumental in continuing to strive to create a regional trail system for the county. This past year Andy was the Chairman of the Trails Commission and made great strides in pinpointing where the trails need to go and how we will get to the finish line. In addition, Supervisor Kunasek will be succeeding me as the representative on the County Supervisors Association's Legislative Policy Committee, as well as the Large Urban Counties representative on the Executive Committee. Congratulations on your selection and thank you for your dedication.

Supervisor Wilcox has been working tirelessly on creating a homeless campus to give the necessary aid to the people that need it. Your dedication and devotion is also commendable and I look forward to being by your side when this project is complete. Thank you Mary Rose for your hard work.

This has been a year of tragedy and triumph. On September 11th we experienced the most devastating peacetime attack on American soil. That day, this same senseless act gave rise to a renewed sense of patriotism. We saw citizens lining up to donate blood, give of their time and money, specifically to help fellow countrymen and women they had never met and never knew. As President Bush stated, "it has awakened a nation to service, citizenship and compassion."

And it has awakened something in me as well; a new sense of purpose, strength and pride that I know my fellow Board members also feel. We are all citizens of the greatest, most powerful nation that has ever existed; both in our military might, our commitment to liberty, and our compassion for those less blessed than we. As Chairman of this County's Board, I plan to continue the ideals that the President addressed by focusing on three specific areas that I believe are extremely important to continue to better all of Maricopa County. They are Transportation, Healthcare and Public Safety.

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September 11th has given everyone on this Board pause and concern over what we are doing to protect the citizens of Maricopa County. That horrific day taught us many things, but the most important was that we must always be proactive, rather than reactive, and to be prepared for anything. We can no longer take for granted that the oceans will protect this country from the reaches of violence. County Administration and the Sheriff's Office have all collaborated to upgrade evacuation procedures, threat assessment protocols, and improved employee and public communications. Public health is working on bio-terrorism and related issues with all area hospitals as well as the C.D.C. and other federal agencies. Because of the actions taken, I am asking the Sheriff's office as well as Emergency management to brief the entire board on the plans that have been put into place in conjunction with the state and federal government. I do not want to duplicate any of the programs that have already been established, but I do want to reassure our citizens that the Board of Supervisors is doing everything in our power to protect them and ensure their safety.

A weight that has been on the shoulders of this Board for some time is the County Hospital and Healthcare system. It provides essential services - millions of dollars of services - to individuals that otherwise would not receive the care they need. That is why one of my top priorities as Chairman is to continue working for the formation of a new "healthcare district". This is something that is desperately needed to modernize and ensure that essential services we provide continue to be provided. As elected officials we are faced with some very difficult decisions everyday, none bigger than how to continue to operate a quality hospital, a safety net for all citizens, when the economy continues to struggle. Pain and serious illness are their own form of terror. The solution is through the creation of a new "healthcare district." It would allow the hospital to run a more effective and efficient operation. Without this or some similar governance structural improvement in place I shudder to think of the possible consequences that will most certainly come about. I am heartened that during the recent special legislative session, legislative leadership heard and understood the critical need for a healthcare district. I believe Governor Hull will listen and be supportive also. I am particularly gratified by the commitment the leadership gave us to pass the legislation required in this session.

This Board of Supervisors, indeed everyone in the county, has been excellent in continuing to streamline government and allowing it to run efficiently and effectively with as little money taken from our taxpayers as possible. The past three years running we have reduced the property tax rate. I would like to continue that tradition during my tenure. I thoroughly believe in less government involvement in the lives of the residents of Maricopa County. I believe very strongly, however, when government's role is appropriate, it needs to act swiftly and perform as efficiently as possible. This is why I believe it is time for this board to step forward and play a bigger role in addressing some of the challenges we face in transportation in this county. I believe that it is vital that we work with ADOT and the municipalities when it comes to seeking solutions for our region's transit needs.

There is no question we need more viable forms of mass transportation to help alleviate traffic congestion and assist in keeping our air clean. A recent Arizona Republic Editorial stated:

"...The Governor's Vision 21 Task Force spent nearly three years on the problem... after almost losing its way, the group is on the right track...the final report, includes promising proposals for a regional planning authority...Vision 21 members offer an intriguing interim step - give County Supervisors authority to play the regional planning role..."

I agree with the newspaper. We all must come together and plan a system that will benefit the entire county and not the parochial needs pitting of one side of the region or another. The Governor's Vision 21 Transportation Task Force believes the solution is a Regional Transportation District for the metropolitan

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area and suggests that the Board of Supervisors serve as Directors, at least on an interim basis. This Board has supported that concept as an appropriate regional role for the County. Given adequate authority and funding, the Board is ready and eager to take on this leadership role. But we will only succeed if we act in collaboration with our municipal partners.

As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors I am asking each member of the Board to begin the new year by opening a dialogue with the mayors and legislators in your respective districts to discuss the transportation issue, not in a specific area, but how we can connect all of Maricopa County to create a better system. A regional solution can and must be found

This year is going to be one of the toughest this county has faced in many years. Unfortunately we are in the midst of a recession that has hit everyone in this state, including the County, very hard. However, because of our sound fiscal policies over the past years the County is in adequate shape to weather this storm, if we are prudent. I am calling on all of the department heads to further streamline their budgets. We all need to manage for results as we are all on the same team with one goal; giving the residents of Maricopa County the best that we have to offer. To do this we need to be creative and I know we have the staff to do just that. Just this past month "Governing Magazine" selected our County Administrator, David Smith, as a "Public Official of the Year" complete with a front cover picture calling him Maricopa's Miracle Man. That reassures us all that we have the right people in place to meet the challenges that most certainly lie ahead. This does not mean that we will shirk our responsibilities to the residents in any way. In fact this Board will continue to provide the very best services for all of our county residents.

The buck stops here, but the real driving force behind the issues is you, the residents of Maricopa County. I believe that together we can continue to make this county a great example that will be emulated throughout the nation. But, we also need your help to make this dream a reality. We need all Maricopa County employees and residents to take an active role in this government. I am urging everyone to call our offices with your ideas and suggestions. Take the time to come to a board meeting and see how we work. Whatever you do, become involved. There is no better example of government "of the people, for the people and by the people," than the government of Maricopa County.

"Thank you and God bless."

MEETING ADJOURNED TO THE RECEPTION

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board